

parte presentations are permitted, provided they are disclosed as provided in the Commission's Rules. See generally 47 CFR 1.1202, 1.1203 and 1.1206(a).

Comment Dates

38. Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, interested parties may file comments on or before May 16, 1997 and reply comments on or before June 16, 1997. All relevant and timely comments will be considered before final action is taken in this proceeding. To file formally in this proceeding, participants must file an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, and supporting comments. If participants want each Commissioner to receive a personal copy of their comments, an original plus nine copies must be filed. Comments and reply comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239) of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 76

Cable television.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN: 1018-AC10

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, Notice of Reopening of Comment Period on Proposed Threatened Status for the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed Rule, notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provides notice of reopening of the comment period on proposed endangered status for the flat-tailed horned lizard (*Phrynosoma mcalli*). The

comment period has been reopened to acquire additional information from interested parties.

DATES: The public comment period closes May 9, 1997. Any comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent directly to the Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Field Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad California 92008. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Vissman at (619) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The flat-tailed horned lizard inhabits desert areas of southern Riverside, eastern San Diego, and Imperial Counties in California; southwestern Arizona; and adjacent regions of northwestern Sonora and northeastern Baja California Norte, Mexico. Within the United States, populations of the flat-tailed horned lizard are centered in portions of the Coachella Valley, Ocotillo Wells, Anza Borrego Desert, West Mesa, East Mesa and the Yuma Desert in California; and the area between Yuma and the Gila Mountains in Arizona. The flat-tailed horned lizard occurs on Federal, State, county, and privately owned lands.

This species may be threatened by one or more of the following: commercial and residential development, agricultural development, off-highway vehicle activity, energy developments, military activities, and pesticide use.

On November 29, 1993, the Service published a rule proposing threatened status for the flat-tailed horned lizard. The original comment period closed on January 28, 1994. The Service was unable to make a final listing determination on this species because of a limited budget, other endangered species assignments driven by court orders, and higher listing priorities. In addition, a moratorium on listing actions (Public Law 104-6) that took effect April 10, 1995, stipulated that no funds could be used to make final listing or critical habitat determinations. Now that funding has been restored, the Service is proceeding with a final determination for this species.

Due to the length of time that has elapsed since the close of the initial comment period, changing procedural

and biological circumstances, and the need to review the best scientific information available during the decision-making process, the comment period is being reopened. Such changing circumstances include the recent (October 1996) draft *Flat-tailed Horned lizard Rangewide Management Strategy*, which likely affect the threats facing the species.

The Service seeks information that has become available in the last three years concerning:

(1) Biological, commercial, or other relevant data on any threat (or lack thereof) to this species; and

(2) The size, number, or distribution of populations of this species.

Written comments may be submitted until May 9, 1997 to the Carlsbad Field Office, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Sandy Vissman.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: February 26, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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RIN 0648-AJ39

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Management Measures to Reduce Seabird Bycatch in the Hook-and-Line Groundfish Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes regulations to require operators of hook-and-line vessels fishing for groundfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) and the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and federally-permitted hook-and-line vessels fishing for groundfish in Alaska waters adjacent to the BSAI and to the GOA, to conduct